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**CALIFORNIA STATE FIRE MARSHAL
FIRE ALARM ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting Date: March 30, 2006

Meeting Location: Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) - Board Breakout Room
1 Fire Authority Road, Irvine, CA

Members Present:

Chief Vickie Sakamoto, Chair
Diane Arend, BML Program Coordinator, Vice-Chair
Bill Hopple, SimplexGrinnell
Rick Lewis, Rolf Jensen and Associates
Jim Langhorne, Montecito Fire Protection District
Mark Latham, City of Santa Cruz Fire Department
John Mapes, Foster City Fire Department
Doug Myers, City of Pasadena Fire Department
Cindy Moore, Orange County Fire Authority
Patrick Ward, Schirmer Engineering
Shane Clary, Bay Alarm Company
Rick Cortina, Wheelock, Inc.

Members Absent:

Howard Hopper, Underwriters Laboratories Inc.
Michael Reeser, Santa Rosa Fire Equipment Services

Guests:

Ernie Power, Power Communication
John Northrup, Simplex Grinnell
Tom Barakat, Invensys

1. Call to Order

Vickie Sakamoto called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

2. Introductions

Vickie Sakamoto welcomed everyone to the meeting and self-introductions were conducted. A quorum was established.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

Motion to approve the November 16, 2005 minutes was made by Bill Hopple, second by Shane Clary. Minutes of November 16, 2005 were approved.

4. Membership – Renewals/Expirations

Since members have different expiration dates, all memberships will be renewed at the same time with an expiration date of December 31, 2007. Reinstatement letters will be mailed.

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OLD BUSINESS (WORK GROUP UPDATES)

5. Patient Room Corridor Lamps

Mike Novotny from OSHPD was not present. No action has occurred. Issue was tabled for next meeting.

6. FA Plan Review Guide/Check List

The Fire Alarm Plan Review Guide/Check List needs to be updated and finalized with the appropriate reference code sections.

Action Item: Doug Myers will get updates on code references.

7. Replacing System Control Units – Update on Draft Document

Bill Hopple handed out SFM Code Interpretation # 00-009. There is nothing wrong with the interpretation. There was a discussion on when a fire alarm control unit needs to be replaced. Bill handed out a list of 8 different reasons to replace a control unit (See attachment # 1). Repairing is different from replacing. Design of system should not be suggested in the guide.

Action item: Members to e-mail Rick Lewis by April 30, 2006 with any suggestions, statements or questions on when to replace a fire alarm control unit. Rick will correlate and distribute for further dialogue and compile a final draft for next meeting.

8. IBC Fire Alarm Standards Review/MPS UL38

The IBC and IFC attachments that were e-mailed consist of the fire alarm requirements that the committee groups put together. They are posted on the website and there will be one more core group meeting in April. Clarifications are needed in some areas because not all items were reviewed by the core group. Items will be addressed at the next meeting. Shane looked at the website and discussed some of the issues with the new codes on E-occupancies. Diane Arend discussed the new IBC/IFC proposed language and amendment to UL 38 Standard on accessible manual pull stations.

NEW BUSINESS

9. Regulations Update

Vickie Sakamoto stated the next core group meeting is April 14th.

10. Update NEMA/BML

On March 23rd SFM met with NEMA and fire alarm manufacturing companies to discuss concerns with fire alarm listings and AB 2177 legislation. AB 2177 (Aghazarian and Plescia) is moving forward and proposes to change the law to allow fire alarm manufactures to market, distribute, offer for sale, or sell any fire alarm system or fire alarm device without going through the SFM approval and listing process.

11. General R3 Occupancy Fire Alarm Systems

Mark Latham spoke to the committee on what they use in Santa Cruz County regarding R3 fire alarms.

12. Shane Clary discussed updating the current proposed standard NFPA 72, 2002 Edition to the 2007 Edition that is going to be voted on at the next NFPA meeting in July.

Action Item: Bill Hopple motioned for the committee to look at the 2007 NFPA 72 after the NFPA July meeting and form a work group to put together proposed language with California State amendments. This will be presented during the IBC/IFC code process as a supplement. Shane Clary seconded. Approved.

Work group: Bill Hopple (Chair), Shane Clary (Co-Chair), Rick Cortina, Doug Myers, Mark Latham and John Guhl.

Schedule next meeting

Thursday, August 10, 2006, 9:30 a.m., Office of the State Fire Marshal, 1131 "S" Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rick Cortina, second by Rick Lewis. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.